

not be vitiated by the absence of any of the parties summoned, or by the failure of any parish to elect a lay representative.

3. Any question as to the validity of the election to the vacant See shall be submitted, prior to the consecration of the person elected, to the Metropolitan of the See of Fredericton for the time being, whose decision shall be final.

4. The Synod may at such meeting, by a like majority of clergy and lay delegates as hereinbefore mentioned, delegate to the Metropolitan of the See of Fredericton for the time being, the power of choosing a Bishop for the vacant See; and such choice shall thereupon be final.

5. The choice of the Synod, or the delegation of its choice, shall be notified in writing to the Metropolitan of the See of Fredericton for the time being, by the Chairman of the meeting and Secretary of the Synod, immediately after its decision.

6. The following declaration shall be made before the Metropolitan or some person duly appointed by him, by the Bishop elect, before his consecration, or, if already consecrated, before exercising any Episcopal functions in this Diocese: "I, N., chosen bishop of the See of Fredericton, do promise that I will teach and maintain the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England: and I also do declare that I consent to be bound by all the Rules and Regulations which have heretofore been made, or which may from time be made by the Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton; and in consideration of being appointed Bishop of the said See of Fredericton, I hereby undertake immediately to resign the said appointment, together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto, if sen-

on such nomination, the Bishop may make a further nomination, and so from time to time; and the election upon any such further nomination shall be proceeded with as hereinbefore provided.

6. Should the Bishop decline to make a further nomination in any such case, the proceedings for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor shall cease.

7. Should the Bishop at any time become so incapacitated by mental infirmity as to be unable to discharge the duties of his office, the Synod may, if it see fit, proceed to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor in like manner as in the case of a vacancy in the See.

8. When any person is duly elected Bishop Coadjutor, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or of the Synod, forthwith to notify the Metropolitan of such election, in order that the consecration of such Coadjutor may be proceeded with as in the case of Bishops of Sees in the Province of Canada.

9. The Bishop Coadjutor elect shall, before his consecration, make and subscribe before the Metropolitan, or some person appointed by him, the following declaration:—"I, A. B., elected Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Fredericton, do promise that I will teach and maintain the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England. And I do also declare that I consent to be bound by all the rules and regulations which have been made, or which may hereafter be made by the Synod of the said Diocese; and I hereby agree immediately to resign the said office of Coadjutor, together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto, if sentence requiring such resignation shall at any time be passed upon me, after due examination and trial had by the Tri-